



Stormwater Best Management Practices Fact Sheet Series

Commercial Landscape Maintenance

Keeping lawns and gardens looking good isn't always good for our environment.



Yard waste, sediment, and lawn/garden chemicals used in commercial landscape maintenance can make their way into the storm drain system. Stormwater and the pollutants it carries are discharged into our lakes and rivers without being treated, making them unsafe for people and wildlife.

What can you do to prevent pollution?

- **Minimize the use of pesticides and fertilizers**
 - Use natural, non-toxic alternatives if possible
 - Do not apply on rainy or windy days
 - Avoid applying near curbs and driveways
 - Use pesticides and fertilizers only as directed
- **Store landscaping materials safely**
 - Keep landscaping materials away from street, gutter, and storm drains
 - Cover stockpiles of soil, compost, or mulch with a tarp
- **Avoid overwatering to prevent runoff**
 - Inspect sprinkler system; repair leaks and misaligned sprinkler heads
 - Plant native vegetation to reduce need for irrigation
- **Recycle or compost yard waste**
 - Do not blow, rake, sweep or hose it into streets, waterways, or the storm drain system
- **Properly dispose of chemicals**
 - Do not pour into sink, storm drain, or street
- **Prevent erosion**
 - Use ground cover, berms, and vegetation to capture runoff
- **Train employees to practice pollution prevention**



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